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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. About 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] October 1953, [REDACTED] heavy truck traffic at the Delius Kaserne-Nord in Potsdam. Incoming trucks were loaded with billeting equipment, while outgoing trucks were empty and proceeded toward Wildpark. Trucks [REDACTED] Their drivers had [REDACTED] red-bordered black epaulets. On the Wendisch-Wildpark highway, [REDACTED] a convoy consisting of [REDACTED] loaded with billeting equipment and towing a gun and 4 prime movers [REDACTED] each towing a 122-mm field gun. At the Wildpark freight station, 150 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen loading billeting equipment on trucks. One empty train of 15 to 20 flatcars and several boxcars was seen leaving the railroad station. On [REDACTED] October the barracks installation was 40 to 50 percent lighted.

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2. On [REDACTED] the Delius Kaserne-Sued was occupied to capacity. At darkness, all quartering buildings were lighted. On [REDACTED] about 120 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia were seen entering the barracks installation. On [REDACTED] 3 x 122-mm field guns were parked in front of the garages. On [REDACTED] 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entering the installation. No training activities were observed in the billeting area or at the Bornstedter Feld training area. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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3. On [REDACTED] the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne only quartered a guard detail.¹

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4. Prior to [REDACTED] the Unteroffizier Schule quartered about 300 VP personnel. On [REDACTED] that the VP unit had left and that the installation had been reoccupied by a Soviet army unit. On [REDACTED] the installation quartered about 300 men with red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity or motor vehicle traffic was observed between [REDACTED] October.²

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5. On [REDACTED] the Adolf-Hitler Kaserne quartered about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was observed between [REDACTED] October.³

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6. On [REDACTED] the Kriegsschule quartered about 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On [REDACTED] observed 60 to 80 men entering the installation from the Bornstedter Feld training area, while about

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50 men were doing sports on the athletic field and 30 men were engaged in firing with carbines at the target ranges at Katharinen Holz. On [redacted] in the Katharinen Holz area, about 200 men armed with carbines and submachine guns and about 20 officers nearby. About 10 trucks and 2 sedans were also seen. Soldiers engaged in advance combat practice firing were seen in the area. Truck [redacted] was observed leaving the Kriegeschule.⁴

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7. Prior to [redacted] source was unable to determine the strength of the unit quartered at the barracks installation in Wildpark-West. On [redacted] trucks [redacted] were identified near the installation.

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8. On [redacted] the Polizei Kaserne quartered about 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed prior to [redacted] Truck [redacted] was seen in front of the installation.

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9. On [redacted] the Kavallerie Schule at Kranznitz quartered 6,000 to 7,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. No troop units were observed returning to the installation. No training activity was noticed between [redacted] On [redacted] about 300 men engaged in close combat practices, about 205 men doing basic training and about 60 men engaged in athletic exercises in the billeting area. About 80 men were seen dismantling a ruined building and another 40 men doing maintenance work on a tank parking lot north of the barracks installation. Two T 34/85 tanks were seen engaged in driving practices. Motor vehicle [redacted] were observed in the training area of the installation. Motor vehicle numbers identified at the installation included [redacted]

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10. On [redacted] the Ludowicoff Kaserne quartered about 200 men. No training was observed between [redacted]

11. On [redacted] the Hohenzollern Kaserne quartered about 400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On [redacted] about 60 men were being inspected in the billeting area. About 8 a.m. on [redacted] 3 trucks and about 20 men were observed leaving the installation. [redacted]

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12. On [redacted] the northern and southern sections of Delius Kaserne quartered about 1,400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On [redacted] about 30 men doing sports in the southern portion of the installation; motor vehicle [redacted] were observed in front of the installation. No units were seen returning to the barracks installations at Rednitz. However, [redacted] on [redacted] that there was a change in the number of troops stationed there.

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 25X1 to 5,000 men. Between [] the same training activity was
 observed as during the preceding days. Mainly fatigue duties, maintenance
 work on tanks and motor vehicles and infantry training in small details
 were observed. Security measures were increased between [] 25X1
 25X1 On [] some of the civilian workers employed at the installation
 were not admitted to their places of work. One truck loaded with slates was
 returned at the gate of the installation [] a Soviet lieutenant 25X1
 tell the driver of the truck to go home because no work was being done on
 this day. At 7:20 a.m. on [] two trucks occupied by 25X1
 a total of 60 soldiers at the main gate of the installation. These soldiers who
 wore red-bordered black epaulets and new overcoats and visor-type caps were
 apparently recruits. Another estimated 60 recruits were seen between two quar-
 tering buildings. On [] JS-III tanks in shed [] while 25X1
 25X1 soldiers were seen doing maintenance work on JS-I and JS-II tanks in sheds [] 25X1
 25X1 About 100 men were observed [] 25X1
 doing construction work on the athletic field on Reiterdamm. On [] some 25X1
 25X1 ce observed trucks [] 25X1
 25X1 JS-I and JS-II tanks [] in front of shed [] 25X1
 25X1 and SP gun [] in front of shed [] About 2 a.m., [] 25X1
 200 to 300 men with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia march to the
 tank and motor vehicle garages. This detail included a lieutenant colonel whom
 25X1 [] last year with SP guns in shed [] this officer 25X1
 25X1 was the commanding officer of the SP battalion. The EM were quartered in buildings 25X1
 25X1 4 T-34 tanks leave the installation 25X1
 toward the training area, 4 x 57-mm AT guns in shed [] and 25 to 30 trucks. 25X1
 25X1 No engineer units were observed at the installation between [] 25X1
 25X1 Contrary to observations made in the previous year, buildings []
 [] only quartered an average of 80 to 100 men. 6

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25X1 16. On 19 October, [] a convoy of 13 to 14 prime movers towing 3 or 4
 25X1 truck trailers occupied by personnel who wore red-bordered black epaulets and 25X1
 about 10 x 122-mm or 152-mm guns proceeding through Friedrich Ebert Strasse toward
 the barracks installation at Kallitz, at 9:20 a.m., about 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m.
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 convoys seen had been detained at the Wildpark railroad station. 4

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17. On [] the Delius Kaserne-Sued was apparently occupied to capacity. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets some of them with artillery insignia. On [] jeep [] occupied by two officers was seen leaving the installation toward Nedlitz. 25X1
18. At darkness on [] the Delius Kaserne-Nord was fully lighted. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 6 p.m. [] 11 trucks were seen leaving the installation toward Nedlitz. About 6:30 p.m. on 19 October, truck [] occupied by about 20 men with spades were seen entering the installation from the direction of Bornstedt. 25X1
19. On [] the windows of all buildings of the Kriegsschule were lighted except for the headquarters building. On [] on the drill ground, about 30 men doing field training, 45 officer candidates engaged in aiming practices with carbines and a detail of 50 officer candidates with map cases leave the installation toward Nedlitz. 25X1
20. On [] the Adolf-Hitler Kaserne was fully lighted. On 18 October, [] six driving school trucks [] leave the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. The trucks returned about 2:30 p.m. 25X1
21. On [] 23 trucks [] 2 ship trucks with [] and another 15 to 20 trucks were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station. [] officers who had been stationed at the Delius Kaserne-Nord in the last spring, another shipment of 30 trucks was seen on another track. About 9 p.m. on [] 8 prime-movers towing 122-mm guns, 2 prime-movers loaded with personnel, truck [] and sedan [] entering the Ludendorff Kaserne from the direction of Potsdam [] on prime-movers. At 7:00 a.m. [] a convoy of 10 trucks and 7 tank trucks in front of the Wildpark railroad station. 25X1
22. On [] that the Unteroffizier Schule which had previously quartered VP personnel was occupied by Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers were observed unloading boxcars. Truck [] was identified. 25X1
23. On [] the Unteroffizier Schule quartered 150 to 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On [] truck [] loaded with mattresses was seen entering the installation from the direction of Ruinenberg Kaserne. About 1 hour later, the same truck left the installation enroute toward Ruinenberg Kaserne which quarters VP personnel. Trucks [] were identified near the Unteroffizier Schule. 25X1
24. On [] the Polizei Kaserne quartered soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was not occupied to capacity. On [] many soldiers were seen proceeding between Unteroffizier Schule and the Polizei Kaserne. [] 25X1
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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. These previously reported shipments from Altengrabow and the training area of the Eighth Gds Army which were dispatched by the 34th Arty Div (US) carried the following units:
- 25X1 [] Elements of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig from Altengrabow which moved to the Delius Kaserne-Nord.
- 25X1 [] Elements of the same brigade and units of the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US); the latter brigade again moved to the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne.
- 25X1 It is believed that the component units of the above-mentioned division were distributed as follows after [] Division headquarters and unidentified gun artillery brigade, Delius Kaserne-Sued; 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, Delius-Kaserne-Nord; 148th Gun Arty Brig (US), Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. In early October, the Untercasseler Schule was probably occupied by an administrative unit of the Soviet army. It is not clear whether the installation was completely vacated by the KVP. [] believed to belong to air force and GOFG unit as well as to elements of the 34th Arty Div (US).
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The statement that the Adolf Hitler Kaserne quartered only 200 men is at variance with the last reported status of the installation and the statement that all the windows of the installation were lighted on []
- 25X1 [] It appears that the installation quartered a motor transport unit which also conducted driving school.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. According to available information, only a portion of the Kriesschule was used by the officer school of the KVP. []
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. So far the barracks installation at Wildpark-West has been reported as probably quartering a signal unit of GOFG. []

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25X1 Div arrived at their quarters at the Kavallerie Schule in Kranpnitz on
12 October. Component units of this division are also stationed in Bran-
denburg. . The 131st Gds Engr Bn of
the division was observed detraining on 8 October. 
In connection with the annual rotation of personnel which was started in
mid-October, recruits very probably arrived in Kranpnitz. 

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